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Lucky fellow -

with a real vacation!

But thanks for your note.

I appreciate it because it was not necessary.

I'm into too much too intensively to have a clear recollection of my letter to MacKenzie.

One of my concerns is that what happened to you, what I've been through in the past without benefit of a fat contract, will chill all the others.

It was visible, I believe, in some of the criticism I found without justification. Not even reasonable.

MacKenzie is a personable, able man. But prior to your ~~mis~~ misfortune he had not come to realize what had happened to his own perspectives. I face literal perjury from the FBI. I charged and proved it, not only because this was proper and offered a court a chance to do something about it but because if it were credited - as it was - it would force me to what I could not and cannot pay for, an appeal. MacKenzie was actually shocked that I would do this. ~~It~~ <sup>It</sup> isn't done, he chided.

Well, it was done, and as a result I won a sweeping legal victory, fortunately coinciding with a very bad precedent set by the Nader people in an irresponsible suit. ~~And~~ anti-democratic one, in fact.

The government's defense may amuse you; I could make and prove these charges ad infinitum because I know more about the subject than anyone in the FBI.

Ah for the days of M. Cunegonde!

That experience with MacKenzie, for whose reporting I have had considerable respect, is consistent with a long history of legitimate and significant news not being news simply because reporters have come to realize that in the ~~strain~~ stories there is a danger to their security.

In the non-stories, as of FBI felonies, I see danger to the nation, to freedom.

I've been through your uncertainties, when the danger was greater and I was so much younger and inexperienced. Long ago as this was I do recall. I would persuade you that right and principle are shields and bucklers. The House, I do believe, will leave you alone. I have more than one reason for this belief. One is that they do not want you as a martyr. Another is that there must be some rational spooks. These have to realize they can't stand what could happen. Here much depends on your counsel if I'm wrong but I can help you rend them.

Enjoy,

with good luck,

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August 18.

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

The copy of your letter to John MacKenzie at the Post was forwarded to me here, and I thank you for it.

I have been enjoying the longest vacation of my career, between Aspen and Los Angeles, waiting for Congress to complete its work. As I understand it, the House Ethics Committee will meet August 25 and decide whether or not to subpoena me.

It would be nice if the uncertainty ends. One way or the other.

Yours,

David Klein